

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 530
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor Dean Authur S. Holmon on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Authur Holmon is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity
and acuity for 26 years with the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Dean Holmon exemplifies the spirit and dedication
that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the son of William and Authurine Holmon, he attended Melrose High School
in Memphis and graduated from Tennessee State University, where he was an outstanding
football player; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary career as a wide receiver on Tennessee State University's
Big Blue Tigers resulted in his being drafted by the Minnesota Vikings; and

WHEREAS, when Authur's football career was halted by injury, he returned to Memphis
to pursue a career in the Memphis City School System; and

WHEREAS, He went to work at Lester High School where he served with acumen in
various capacities, including assistant football coach, head track coach, administrative assistant
and chairman of the Social Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Authur Holmon began his meritorious career at Memphis State
University as the Associate Dean for Minority Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable tenure, Dean Holmon has been a sagacious advisor to the Black Student Association; and

WHEREAS, he was also instrumental in establishing the Gospel Choir in the Music Department as well as the Society of Black Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Dean Holmon has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Martin Luther King Achievement Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was renamed in his honor; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his admirable contributions to the University of Memphis, the Authur S. Holmon Scholarship was established in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Authur Holmon's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Dean Authur S. Holmon our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.